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TO AMEMBASSY DACCA

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MONTHLY FOODGRAIN REPORT

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES MOST IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN BANGLADESH FOODGRAIN REPORTING (STATE NEA/PAB, AID- ASIA/ BIS AND FFP AND USDA) HAVE AGREED ON A REPORTING FORMAT WHICH WE PROPOSE FOR YOUR USE ON A REGULAR MONTHLY BASIS. WE HOPE THAT FORMAT WILL MINIMIZE AND SIMPLIFY EMBASSY'S REPORTING TASKS AS WELL AS MAKE INFORMATION EASIER TO HANDLE FOR END-USERS WHO ARE SOMETIMES NON-SPECIALISTS. FORMAT IS INTENDED TO POINT UP AND EXPLAIN ANY DISCRE- PANIES WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INFORMATION OR THAT REPORTED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS WFP. REPORT WOULD, OF COURSE, ALWAYS REPRESENT A CLEARED COUNTRY TEAM POSITION. IT WOULD IDEALLY BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AFTER THE END OF THE MONTH AS DATA BECOMES AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED.

2. AS NOTED, WE OFFER THE FORMAT WITH AN EYE TOWARD SIM- UNCLASSIFIED

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PLIFYING YOUR REPORTING, NOT ADDING TO IT, AND HAVE SUGGESTED ONLY THOSE REPORTING CATEGORIES WHICH ARE USEFUL HERE AND FOR WHICH WE THINK YOU HAVE EASY ACCESS TO DATA. WE ELICIT YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FORMAT AND ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH YOU HAVE FOR IMPROVING IT. FYI. AMBASSADOR MASTERS AGREES WITH THE IDEA OF A REGULAR REPORT USING SUCH A FORMAT BUT HE HAS NOT SEEN THE PROPOSED FORM.

3. THE PROPOSED FORMAT IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONTHLY FOODGRAIN REPORT
AUGUST, 1977

A. FOODGRAIN STOCK POSITION AND FORECAST (18 MONTHS, PERIOD REVIEWED WOULD CHANGE EVERY 6 MONTHS, IN JULY AND JANUARY. IN THESE MONTHS IT WOULD PROVIDE 6 MONTHS HISTORY AND 12 MONTHS FORECAST INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE LEAN PERIOD IN THE PROJECTION. THE PROJECTIONS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FURTHEST IN THE FUTURE COULD BE AGGREGATED. IN AUGUST 1977, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PERIOD COVERED WOULD BE JANUARY 1977-JULY 1978).

IN THOUSANDS OF TONS, (IN COLUMNS OF FIVE) (MONTH, OPENING STOCK, DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT, IMPORTS, OFFTAKES) (IF RELEVANT, WFP AND/OR BDG ESTIMATES WOULD BE REPORTED IN ADDITIONAL LINE(S) FOR EACH MONTH). RICE STOCKS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY BROKEN OUT.

THIS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A COMMENTS SECTION IN WHICH SOURCES OF DATA AND SIGNIFICANT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN SPECIFIC ITEMS AND THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, IDENTIFIED BY A NUMBER IN PARENTHESIS, WOULD BE EXPLAINED. FOR EXAMPLE:

JULY 1977 412(1), NIL, 216(2), 135(3)
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(WFP) 410, NIL, 205, 160

COMMENT: (1) SOURCE, FOOD SECRETARY, JULY 22

(2) REPORTED JULY 18 AS 308, NEW DATA FOLLOWS OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY AND DONOR REPS, EEC SHIPMENT OF 92 WHEAT NOW REPORTED AS DUE IN SEPTEMBER.

(3) FORECAST IN APRIL 13 AS 150, WE ASSUME DIFFERENCE DUE TO LOW MARKET PRICES WHICH ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO BUY COMMERCIALLY INSTEAD OF FROM RATION SHOPS.

B. IMPORTS (SAME 18 MO. PERIOD)

QUANTITY, COMMODITY, ORIGIN, TERMS (COMMERCIAL OR CONCESSIONAL), DATE OF ARRIVAL

C. GOVERNMENT STOCKS - (CURRENT MONTH)

LOCATION, QUANTITY, COMMODITY, CONDITION

WAITING TO OFFLOAD

OFF LOADING
IN INLAND TRANSIT

SILOS

CSDS

LSDS

D. PORT SITUATION - (CURRENT MONTH)

CAPACITY (IN MT PER DAY)

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VESSELS AT PORT

AVERAGE DELAY ENTAILED (IN DAYS)

VESSELS EXPECTED NEXT 30 DAYS

ANTICIPATED CHANGES - (EXAMPLE, PORT OFFICIALS TELL US THAT
3 GANTRY CRANES WILL BE DOWN FOR REPAIRS NEXT MONTH, THUS
REDUCING CAPACITY TO 130,000 MT/MO).

E. MARKET COMMODITY PRICES (AT THREE REPRESENTATIVE MAR-
KETS) - (TAKA PER SEER)

CURRENT MONTH PRICE, COMMENT: E.G., TRENDS, OTHER DETAILS

RICE

WHEAT

VEGETABLE OIL (WHEN APPROPRIATE)

COMMENT (EXAMPLE, (1) AMAN HARVEST NEXT MONTH SHOULD ALLOW
PRICES TO DROP. (2) DACCA PRICES DROPPED DUE TO OPEN
MARKET OPERATIONS.

F. GOVERNMENT FOODGRAIN POLICY - (LIST HERE THE NUMBERS
OF CABLES, MEMCONS, ETC. WHICH HAVE REPORTED ON FOOD
POLICY MEASURES, ANNOUNCED, IMPLEMENTED AND/OR PROMISED,
BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED, IN THE REPORTING PERIOD. THIS WILL
PERMIT AN UNCLASSIFIED GENERAL REPORT).

G. CROPS - ACREAGE PLANTED - CROPS HARVESTED AND PROJECTED
- (SAME 18 MONTHS AS A)
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AUS AMAN BORO WHEAT SOURCE-COMMENT
JULY-AUG NOV-FEB APRIL-MAY

H. WEATHER - (IMPACT ON CROPS, INCLUDING CROP LOSSES,
NARRATIVE, SAME 18 MO. PERIOD)

I. PRIVATE SECTOR FOOD GRAIN ACTIVITIES - (NARRATIVE)

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